



Memorandum

To: Provosts and Chief Academic Officers

From: Paula Compton, Associate Vice Chancellor of Articulation and Transfer

Date: August 21, 2018

Subject: Request for Nominations for the Ohio Guaranteed Transfer Pathways Faculty Panels

Section 3333.16(C) of the Ohio Revised Code was signed into law in June of 2015. This law requires the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education to develop a process, by December 1, 2018, to establish statewide guaranteed transfer pathways from two-year to four-year degree programs in an equivalent field. This effort is directly related to Ohio's initiatives in college affordability and degree completion. The Ohio Guaranteed Transfer Pathways initiative is guided by a statewide steering committee, which is currently co-chaired by Dr. Marcia Ballinger, President of Lorain County Community College, and Dr. Rick Kurtz, President of Shawnee State University.

The development of the guaranteed transfer pathways will be facilitated by program directors, program coordinators, associate/assistant deans, and faculty representatives from the Ohio Mathematics Initiative, with the assistance of additional faculty members as needed. Previously, the original process was to start by collaborating with existing TAG faculty panels, but the Steering Committee determined that it would be more appropriate to begin the work with faculty who have program or curriculum authority because creating pathways is comparable to "program" development, rather than specific major "course" development. Additional faculty involvement will happen on the individual campuses as the pathway discussions occur. Institutional endorsement of each pathway will be sought prior to implementation.

What We Need from You

We are seeking members who are program directors, program coordinators, or associate/assistant deans who may be able to provide not only specific program-level but also cluster-level expertise and have curriculum or program authority over the following areas:

STEM Cluster Panel – Computer Science and Information Technology Sub-Cluster Faculty Panel

1. Computer Science
2. Information Technology

Health Science Cluster Panel, Part II

3. Occupational Therapy
4. Physical Therapy

5. Exercise Science
6. General Health Sciences
7. Health Information Management

Important Note related to Health Information Management

During Part I of the Health Sciences Cluster, we requested nominations for Health Information Management (HIM). However, we learned that their area would be having major changes that were going to take place this summer. That area was rescheduled to begin this fall with Part II. During the first round of nominations, we received nominations for HIM from the following institutions and will be drawing from those past nominations in the HIM area:

- Eastern Gateway Community College
- Marion Technical College
- Owens Community College
- Sinclair Community College
- Terra State Community College
- University of Toledo
- Zane State College

All other institutions that have an HIM program and wish to nominate someone may do so.

Institutional Participation

Your institutional participation in this nomination process is important as we want representation from **all** two- and four-year institutions, resulting in representation from each of the six regions (central, northeast, southeast, northwest, southwest, and west) on this Cluster Faculty Panel.

Each institution may nominate multiple panel members and may nominate one as panel lead if they wish. Allowing an institution to nominate more than one panel members is to help institutions who may not have one person with curriculum or program authority over all major areas. Descriptions below provide basic information about what's expected of the leads and panel members.

The panel leads, representing one two-year institution and one four-year institution, will be the facilitators at the Cluster Panel meetings. In addition to helping create the pathways, they will facilitate discussions, organize the work, and create the timeline for the panel members through our consensus process, as well as be the liaison between the Ohio Articulation and Transfer Network and the Cluster Panel. Their strong leadership is needed for this very important work, especially in its initial stages.

Faculty panel members will use their program-level expertise to help devise guided pathways from an associate degree to a baccalaureate degree in equivalent fields. This work will build upon the existing TAG and CTAG work that may include all areas of a major or cluster through the examination of common General Education courses, pre-major courses, other major courses, electives, and other requirements.

These pathways will help students better navigate their way from earning an associate degree to earning a baccalaureate degree.

The goal for the faculty panel is to create these pathways in 6 months. To do this work, the panel will meet face-to-face, as well as participate in conference calls. A lot of the work will take place on individual campuses by having discussions and consulting with faculty on the pathways.

Please enter your nominations on our online form by October 19, 2018. The survey may be completed multiple times in order to nominate panel members for both STEM and Health Sciences. Please note you **MUST** complete the survey via the link provided above. The attached PDF file is for reference only. **Do not use the PDF version to respond to the survey.**

A Selection Committee was created from the Statewide Steering Committee, whose role will be to select panel leads and members from your nominations.

Additional information about the various OGTP committees, resources, and important documents can be found on our website located at <https://www.ohiohighered.org/transfer/guaranteed-transfer-pathways>. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dr. Candice Grant at cgrant@highered.ohio.gov, 614-466-4186 or Katie Dean at kdean@highered.ohio.gov, (614) 387-1012.